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Mid Western Regional Council
PO Box 156
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Re: DA0172/023 – Mudgee Health Service 30 Meares Street Mudgee NSW 2850

To whom it may concern,

The Western NSW Local Health District is considering that the Mudgee Key Health Worker Accommodation development does not require the construction of six additional car spaces on the Mudgee Hospital site. The following information supports the consideration, that the development will have a negligible impact on the local parking facilities:

- a) **Traffic and Parking Study:** PTC Consultants has conducted a comprehensive traffic and parking assessment (attached), demonstrating a current surplus of parking spaces since the facility's initial construction. This study was based on staff numbers at that time, assuming all staff were onsite. However, we have since leased an office building in town and transitioned 25 staff members to this leased property, reducing the overall number of staff onsite.
- b) **Sustainability Goals:** As part of our commitment to sustainability and achieving net-zero targets, we are actively working to reduce fleet vehicle numbers across our operations. This reduction strategy includes the Mudgee fleet, which is expected to decrease by 6-9 vehicles. In addition to reducing fleet vehicles, we are promoting alternative transportation methods such as carpooling, public transportation, cycling, and walking among our staff. We are also investigating incentives for using eco-friendly transportation options, including secure bike storage facilities. These efforts not only align with our broader sustainability objectives but also contribute to a decrease in parking demand. Furthermore, the reduction in fleet vehicles and encouragement of alternative transportation methods support our goal of minimizing our carbon footprint and promoting a healthier environment for our staff and the community.

Considering these factors, we believe that the existing facilities will cater for this development and that the requirement for additional parking is unnecessary and does not align with the current operational needs of the Mudgee Health Service.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Jeff Morrissey

Director, Corporate Services and Clinical Support